



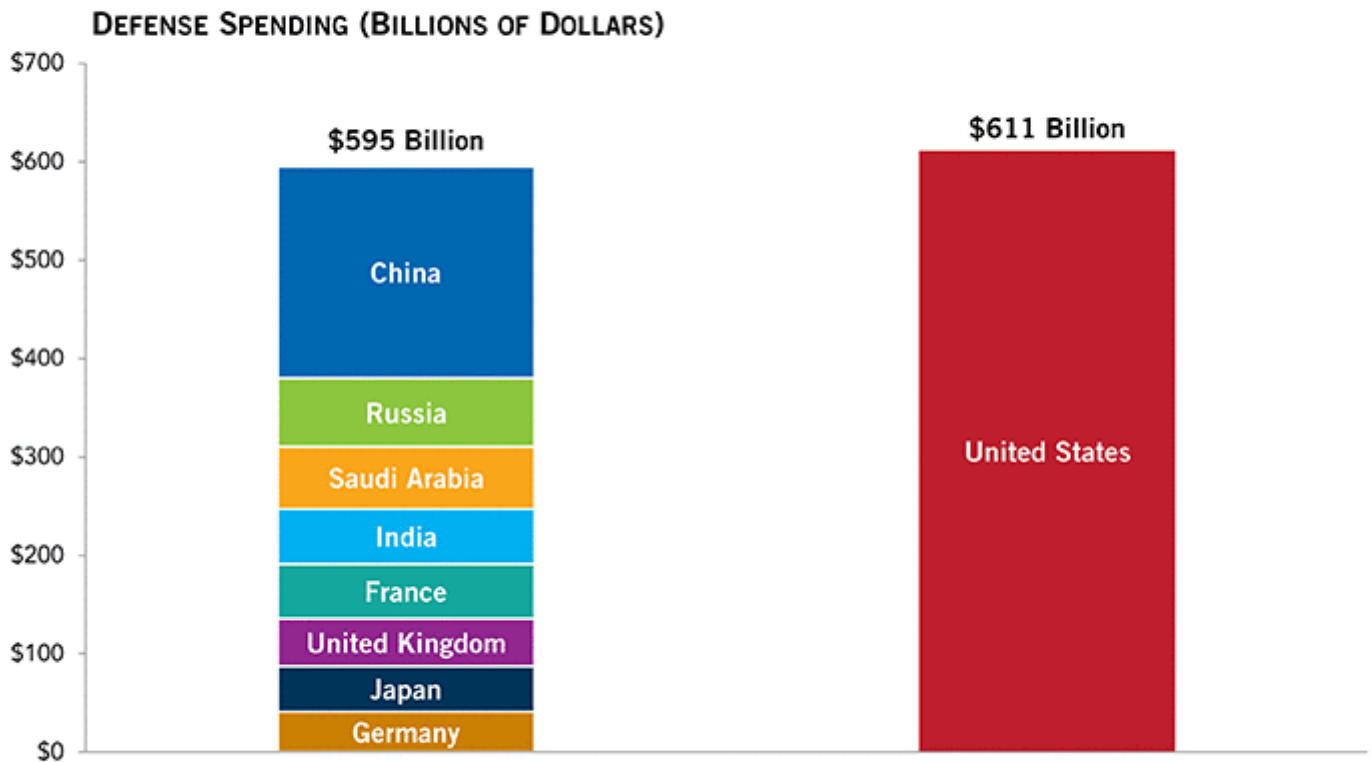
U.S. Defense Spending Compared to Other Countries

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The United States spends more on defense than the next eight countries combined



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NOTE: Figures are in U.S. dollars, converted from local currencies using market exchange rates.

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The United States spends more on national defense than China, Saudi Arabia, Russia, United Kingdom, India, France, and Japan combined. While the chart above illustrates current annual spending in dollar terms, [the United States has historically devoted a larger share of its economy to defense than many of its key allies.](#)

Defense spending accounts for [almost 16 percent of all federal spending](#) and [roughly half of discretionary spending](#). Discretionary spending overall — including defense and nondefense spending — represents only about one-third of the annual federal budget. It is [currently below its historical average as a share of GDP](#) and is [projected to decline further](#)

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